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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the average expenditure being incurred on a sportsman by the Government;

(b) the number of `National Institutes of Sports` and the expenditure incurred on them during the last three years; and

(c) the reason`s for poor performance on Olympics ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a): Expenditure on senior sports persons also called elite sports persons while in National Coaching Camp is approximately to Rs,10,000/- per month. Whereas, for junior sports persons training under SAI Sports Promotion Schemes, the expenditure come to Rs.2,000/- per month on an average. This expenditure is mainly towards boarding, lodging, training, kit, medical expenses etc.

(b): There is only one National Institute of Sports in the country functioning at Patiala since 1961.

The Sports Authority of India imparts training to sports persons under its Sports Promotional Schemes i.e. National Sports Talent Contest, Army Boys Sports Company, SAI Training Centres, Centres of Excellence, Special Area Games and

Sports Academies. These sports centres are established in various parts of the country wherein all round training is given to the sports persons. The above Schemes are monitored through seven Regional Centres of SAI which are involved in providing sports infrastructure and training for development of excellence at the Regional level. Expenditure towards running of these schemes including maintenance of Centres and SAI sports infrastructure is made out of SAI budget.

Expenditure incurred towards the National Coaching Camps for the last three years is as follows :-

1997-98	Rs. 1,84,90,416-22
1998-99	Rs. 2,32,90,980-10
1999-2000	Rs. 3,21,86,184-00

(c): India`s performance in Sydney Olympics was not satisfactory, though it was comparatively better than previous Olympic Games. This is the first time that India secured 1 bronze medal in Women`s Weightlifting and 6 other sports persons/teams ranked in first 10. Performance of Athletes was below expectations and this is presently due to their peaking at the Asian Track and Field Meet in Jakarta in August, 2000. They did not sustain their peak performance up to Olympics. However, the spirited performance put up by Indian sports persons in Boxing, Women`s Weightlifting and Shooting have provided an encouraging boost to the morale of Indian sports persons and if more effort is put in these disciplines India can definitely improve its medal tally in future.